

BRITISH COLONIST

Wednesday Morning, May 16, 1866.

To Advertisers & the Public

DAILY BRITISH COLONIST
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published every Tuesday, will be mailed or left
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the printer.

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all notices of Births, Deaths, and Mar-
riages for insertion in this paper must
be sent to us at 25 cents per week, with
a small additional charge for
advertisements.

JOINT PRINTING.

BRITISH COLONIST

NO COMPANY having received a large
sum from their stock of new and beautiful
prints, and now offering them at a great
neatness and cheapness, at a slight advance
San Francisco prices.

A MODEST COUNCIL.

There is something in cool audacity and
daring impudence that wins from us a kind
of reluctant admiration. We are not gen-
erally admirers of our Legislative Council—
we believe, indeed, of all the extraordinary
institutions which the Home Government
occasionally manufactures for retarding the
progress of the colonies, our Upper House is
the most intolerable—but that does not prevent
our awarding credit where credit is really
given our tribute of admiration for the
bold impudence displayed in the Coun-
councils of Monday last. A stranger
to a colony, on reading the report of the
session on the Sanitary Commission Bill,
would naturally infer that the members of the
Upper House were the warmest possible
champions of the City Council and municipal
corporations generally—that they worshipped
the principle of self-government and went
into ecstasies over a Mayor. When they
denounced the idea of ignoring the City
Council in the attempt on the part of the As-
sembly to appoint a sanitary commission, and
asserted that the Corporation was still a legal
body, one would have naturally concluded
that the two Houses had changed places, and
that it was the Lower House and not the
Upper House that was endeavoring to take
away popular rights. But when we look a little
narrowly into the subject, we shall find the
Council not only as true to its obstructive
instincts as ever, but laboring hard to throw
dust in the people's eyes.

Every one knows the disgraceful history
of the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, of
the numerous attempts to rectify its errors,
and of the innumerable failures. Every one
knows the blunder about incorporating the
land instead of the people, and the illegality
of the collection of taxes; and everyone
knows that the City Council has been for the
last two or three years but the skeleton of a
Council, dragging out a weary, helpless ex-
istence. In order to place the Municipal
authorities as soon as possible in an unex-
ceptionable position, and give them the
necessary powers, a short bill was introduced
the present session. The bill passed, was
sent to the Upper House on the 6th of April,
nearly six weeks ago, and as summer
was approaching and the want of proper
sanitary regulations forcing itself on the
attention of every one, it was naturally
thought that the Legislative Council would
hurry the bill through. But what is the
fact? Why, from the moment it first came
up in the Council till the present time, not a
single word has been said about it; and
from present appearances nothing will be
said about it. This scandalous neglect of
public health forced the House into the
adoption of the Sanitary Commission bill, in
order to have the city which was and is in a
most filthy condition immediately cleansed.
Several of the members declared bitterly
against the Upper House for making such a
Commission a necessity, and a motion was
proposed to ascertain what the Legislative
Council had done with the incorporation bill.
When the Commission bill goes up, instead of
the official champions of municipal in-
stitutions accepting the circumstance as a
rebuke for their culpable negligence, and
bringing forward the amended incorporation
bill, they go coolly to work and abuse the
Lower House for sending up the
measure. The worst feature in the
case is that the Upper House has been
all along and is conscious of the want of
power in the Corporation. In fact the At-
torney General brought forward a bill last
session, which met with the Council's sanction,
to incorporate the "people" and
remove the legal doubts thrown on the
levying and collection of taxes. And yet we
find the Colonial Secretary and others now
coming forward, when they are caught in the
trap of their own creating, and asserting
that the Council has all the necessary power.
So much for impudence No. 1. But what
shall we say of impudence No. 2? What
shall we say of a man or class of men refusing
to entertain the two great measures of the
session—the Homestead bill and the abolition
of imprisonment for debt; putting them
off from day to day, while ridiculous mea-
sures like the Volunteer bill are hurried
through with lightning rapidity—what shall
we say of the Colonial Secretary, after
these measures have been lying on the
Council's table for a period of five
months, rising up in great apparent anxiety
and declaring that one of them will be taken
into immediate consideration? That of Rip
Van Winkle—Washington Irving never con-
ceived such somber stolidity as we have
got in these "heads" of departments. There
is, however, something more objectionable than
even the stolidity: there is the disposition to
work mischief—to throw the country still
further back, to drive every man of spirit and
intelligence from the colony. This is the
grand sin. If the population could only be
weeded of those disagreeable persons who
will grumble at incompetent rulers and extor-
tionate taxation, and reduced to the quiet and
uncomplaining spirits, or rather "dumb
beasts," then the only millennium would
be at hand. There is such a thing, however, as
even Government officials going to extremes,
and there is such a thing as want of dignity
and want of prudence even in a Colonial
Secretary. When we find one of the chief
officials of the colony popping out of the
Government Buildings like a "Jack-in-the-
Box" and waylaying the members of the
Assembly as they go and come from the
House, in order to get the most pliable to
carry out his little schemes for the "public"
benefit, we are of opinion that the gentleman
is presuming a little too much, and that the
interest of the colony would be much better
served if he attended to the duties for which
he is so handsomely paid.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Chains and Anchors.

TWENTY TONS CHAIN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Bacon & Ham Depot.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Home Production!

MR. HEYWOOD

OFFERS FOR SALE, FOR PRIVATE

FAMILY USE, Sugar-Cure, Hams and Breakfast

Hams, etc., sent to Victoria and the

Pacific coast, not excepting the celebrated

Shropshire Hams. Mr. Heywood, through a life's expe-

rience, has made himself a specialist in the above article, and guarantees all of his own

products a "No. 1 Article." He also keeps on hand

Quebec and Ontario Bacon, and other reasonable

rates.

Please go to the Hams with us, by calling

and examining his stock before buying elsewhere.

Yates Street,

[ABOVE GOVERNMENT.]

Opposite Bowman's Livery Stable.

aptly is

REAL ESTATE.

VICTORIA CITY COURT OF REVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

All appeals must be addressed in writing to the

Assessor, or to the Secretary, at Smith's Building,

Government street, within 14 days from date,

when the appeal is received. The Court

will meet every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 11

o'clock, in Smith's Building.

At the order of the Chairman.

HENRY FOWLER,

Secretary.

Victoria, V. I., 15th May, 1866.

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THE C. S. N. CO'S STEAMER

CALIFORNIA.

CHAS. THORNE, COMMANDER,

—WILL—

On Thursday, May 17th,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, P.M.,

FOR SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT.

For Freight or Passage, apply on board, or to

J. P. COUCH, Agent,

Wharf street.

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Oh Dear! Oh Dear!

MRS. BROWN HAS THE SWEEP'S

They've sent down to us what as

soon, for their sweeps is that constant dread, and as

they're not, rather sweep the Chimney

with my own hands than have any other

house again. As he left his marks all along the passage

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rison, and get up the chimney again.

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By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE BRITISH COLONIST.

BIG BEND TRAVEL.

From PORT ANGELOS.—The sloop Frances, Captain Station, arrived last evening from Port Angelos.

The steamer Emily Harris arrived from Port Angelos last evening, having conveyed a crew over for the English ship Eggeria, loaded with lumber and bound for China.

CARIBOO MARKET PRICES.

(From the Sentinel.)
Stocks as light as the potato state of the market last fall, and pack trains expected to arrive on the creek with a month of goods sufficient to supply all deficiencies. Gum Boots and Candies are the only articles nearly exhausted.

WHEATSALE.

	SELLING.	BUYING.
Flour.....	\$30 per 100 lbs.	\$20 per 100 lbs.
Bacon.....	65 lb.	50
Sugar.....	40	60
Beans.....	140	248
Coffee.....	140	248
Butter.....	90 ^{1/2}	100
Tea.....	90 ^{1/2}	100
Coffee (grd.).....	35	100
Dried (green).....	50 ^{1/2}	62
Chocolates.....	75	100
Tobacco.....	1.62 ^{1/2} at 75	200
Dried Apples.....	39	60
Mails.....	40 ^{1/2}	50
Pork.....	50 ^{1/2} per 100 lbs.	60
Gum Boots. (source)	25.00 per pair	35.00 per pair

PASSENGERS.

ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—12 pigs furs, 2 horses, 2 crows chickens, 3 lbs. eggs, 80 lbs. cattle, 100 lbs. sheep, \$4,340.

CONSIGNEES.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—F O Burr, Paul Medina, Smith, F. Reynolds & Co., Hutchinson & Co., Carson & Co.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.
May 15—Sch J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan.

Sohr Clancy, Robinson, Port Angeles
Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
Stur California, Thorne, New Westminster
Cleared.

May 16th—Sch J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Sohr Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan
Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles

THE STRIKE ON GROUSE CREEK.—Monday, 7th May, 1866.—We have just seen one of the members of the Sneddon or Discovery claim who inform us that the reports hitherto circulated regarding the strike of \$1500 to the set of timbers are incorrect, although they had got good prospects, say two ounces a day to the hand. They have been working across the channel for some time past, and although now over thirty feet across it, are still finding the same pay. On Friday and Saturday last, however, they could pick up gold plentifully in the dirt, and though only working six men one shift, washed up 50 ozs. each of these days. They are not on the bedrock yet.—Sentinel.

RATHER RICH.—The Walla Walla Statesman gravely asserts that when the Forty-Nine made her first ascent of the Columbia River to the Death Rapids only two men had crossed over from Fraser River, and they were badly frost-bitten. Considering that several hundred men were in the diggings at the time, the majority of whom had crossed over as the unusually late ice barrier on the lakes had disappeared, and were then considerably ahead of those who came by the "Forty-Nine," our contemporary must have been sadly hoaxed by some designing person.

In London funds and securities were depressed.

Napoleon presided at a special council of the Ministry, April 20th, to consider the Austrian proposal that Austria and Italy should simultaneously disarm. One rumor says it was determined at the meeting to prevent Italy from taking the offensive and to insist on the adoption of the proposal.

The cabinet of every country, by the City of Paris telegraphed to Queenstown under date Liverpool, 21st—Intelligence from Germany and Italy continues exciting, armaments are being vigorously pressed forward. The Italian fleet had left Genoa, destination unknown; the Austrian ironclads are said to have received orders to put to sea, destination believed to be Africa.

A telegram from Berlin says the reply of the Austrian Government to the last Prussian dispatch states that Austria was to withdraw into the interior the troops now on the Prussian frontier, but will at the same time continue their armaments against Italy. The Prussian troops on the frontier are said to have advanced near the Austrian territory.

An unconfirmed rumor in Vienna says Austria intends to propose a European Congress. Rumors of a ministerial crisis were current at Vienna.

The Saxon Minister of Foreign Affairs, it is said, returned "an evasive answer" to the Prussian summons to disarm.

A Berlin telegram of May 1st says: It is believed that Prussian armaments will shortly be increased. A reply dated April 29th, to the Austrian government has been sent to the Prussian Ambassador at Vienna stating that Prussia does not agree to the Vienna Cabinet's proposals in reference to duties; it lays especial stress on the community of interest of Prussia and Italy and gives an evasive answer to Austria's proposal for disarmament. No immediate capture before Austria will submit the proposals to the Federal Diet, but affairs continue critical.

The WEATHER IN CARIBOO.—The weather for the past eight days has been unusually fine for this season of the year, and were it not for the presence of the snowbanks to be met with at every turn, it might be imagined that summer had actually set in. The days have been an uninterrupted series of bright and warm sunshine and the nights moderately temperate, and so powerfully has the sun's rays acted on the snow that the water of the creek has increased to such an extent that no one need now complain of its want for mining purposes.—Sentinel.

GENERAL STEELE and the officers forming his suite, now on a visit to this city, were entertained at dinner last evening by His Excellency the Governor. They will leave this morning for San Juan Island by the steamer Diana, and return thence to Olympia.

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson, Captain Finch, arrived yesterday morning from Olympia and way ports with 12 passengers and the usual freight, as per manifest elsewhere, valued at \$4,40.

FROM SAN JUAN.—H. M. S. Scout arrived last evening at 7:30 from San Juan. Captain Bazzagetto, of the British garrison, came by her.

THE NEXT TRIP.—The steamer Forty-Nine was to leave Little Dalles, W. T., on her second trip, April 30th.

THE COLUMBIA RIVER is at an unprecedented height for this season of the year.

FOURTY-EIGHT DAYS FROM ENGLAND.—Messrs. J. H. Turner & Co. have just received per Express direct from Europe, the following choice goods: Exquisite Embroideries; beautiful designs in Cluny Lace; Empress Falls; Empire Collars; Cluny Bodices; Ribbons; Paris Kid Gloves; Cameo Trimmings. Now on view at London House, Government street. 1st*

EARLY CLOSING.—The principle drapery establishments in the city have agreed to close early on Saturdays during the summer, to enable their employees to enjoy a half holiday.

FELL & CO.—Are prepared to supply miners and travelers with every description of groceries and provisions put up in convenient sized packages for transmission to any part of this or the sister Colony, at the lowest Free Port prices. Particular attention is paid to the selection of goods for the Big Bend and Bridge River markets, and parties desiring to procure supplies for those mines may rely upon getting a superior article at our store. Coffee roasted and prepared on an improved principle; and Spices guaranteed free from adulteration, may be had in any desired quantity. FELL & CO., Coffee and Spice Merchants and Family Grocers, Yates street, Victoria, V. I.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Miners and others going to Big Bend or Bridge River will find Hicks' Hotel (which is now kept by W. E. Stein, formerly of the Hot Springs), one of the best and cleanest houses in the city.—Meals and Beds at 50 cents each, and Drunks 12½ cents. * 3m

CAUTION TO MINERS GOING TO BIG BEND.—No one should start for these mines without being quite sure that his teeth are in good order. F. W. Cave, Dentist, Trounce Alley, opposite the Colonist office, is still practising his profession at English prices. *

PRINCE OF WALES.—Oxford Hats, received per "Dominga" from Townsend & Co., London.—An invoice of the above very stylish and fashionable Hats.—ADAMS, Pioneer Hatter, Government street and Trounce Alley.

sides of neighboring creeks will give a marked impetus to the development of the mines of Cariboo and are likely to prove a more permanent source of wealth than anything yet brought to light. The ground above and below the Discovery claim on Grouse Creek, in which tunnel the late strike was made, has been staked off for a distance of a mile and a half, and some of the Flume Company's ground is said to have been jumped. The gold taken out is coarse.

FROM BIG BEND MINES.

Mr. James Reardon, a Cariboo miner, arrived yesterday by the steamer California, having left French Creek, Big Bend, where he had been scouring for two months, on the 30th of April. He was detained two days at Seymour waiting for a boat, and two days at Yale.

About 800 men had gone into the mines, and about 300 more were met on their way thither. Mr. Reardon says that nearly all the ground was staked off on French and the other known creeks before he left. He has a claim on French Creek which is represented during his visit to California. He speaks in very hopeful terms of the prospects of the country, and thinks the mines will turn out to be a big thing.

Lafeur & Co., and nearly all the other claim holders were setting actively to work, but no gold had as yet been taken out. Our informant thinks that with the large number of miners going into the country considerable profits would be made on the French Creek.

The Discovery claim on Clements (McCallum's) Creek, where the deep sinking has been made, is on the flat, the ground being shallower higher up the creek. They were down 35 feet when he left.

THE LADIES PRONUNCIAMENTO!

While protesting against all the old worthless Dentifrices now in the market, the Ladies with one consent, have adopted the *Soxidont* as the one thing needful to insure the integrity of the teeth and a fragrant breath.

THE STEAMER CALIFORNIA will leave for San Francisco on Thursday at 3 p.m.

THEAILS per steamer California will close on Thursday at 2 p.m.

LETTER 1.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

GENTLEMEN.—There are occasions when it becomes the duty of the representative to communicate with his constituents on matters of public moment. One of those occasions, my humble opinion, has occurred through the Legislative Council negativing the changes proposed by the Assembly to balance the expenditure for the current year, and also, through the aspersions cast upon the Committee of Ways and Means, in their report on the financial policy of the Assembly.

Before leaving the question of arrears of real estate taxes, I may remark that the Assemblies ordered the Treasurer to make a return of the arrears to December 31, 1865. He replied that he was prohibited by his instructions from doing so, and that the Bank of Canada did not permit him to do so further.

But, strange to say, the very day on which the Ways and Means bills were communicated to the Legislative Council, the Treasurer, in reply to a motion of the Hon. D. Fraser, stated that the aggregate of arrears of Real Estate Tax due under all the assessments were \$34,000. [Vide Chronicle report, March 28th.] Thus the Assembly voted for these purposes \$129,264; and the retrenchment is \$64,631. As the details have been published, it is unnecessary for me to enlarge upon the subject.

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**LIST OF
SUBSCRIPTIONS
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DONATIONS,
AL HOSPITAL,**

FOR THE
ROYAL HOSPITAL, V. I.

Six Months
Sary, to 31st December, 1865.

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